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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION**

ANNA SCHRAUDNER, Plaintiff, v. YELLOWSTONE COUNTY; SHERIFF MICHAEL LINDER; SERGEANT RANDY NAGEL; and JOHN DOES 1-10, Defendants.	Cause No. CV 18-108-BLG-SPW-TJC WAIVER OF THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY DEFENDANT SHERIFF MICHAEL LINDER
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TO: COLIN GERSTNER OF GERSTNER LAW PLLC

I have received your request to waive service of a summons in this action along with a copy of the complaint and this waiver form.

I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expense of serving a summons and complaint in this case.

I understand that I, or the entity I represent, will keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive any objections to the absence of a summons or of service.

I also understand that I, or the entity I represent, must file and serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 within 60 days from July 24, 2018, the date when this request was sent. If I fail to do so, a default judgment will be entered against me or the entity I represent.

BOARD OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR: SHERIFF MICHEAL LINDER

7-30-18
Date

~~John Ostlund~~ Michael Linder ~~Robyn Driscoll~~

~~Denis Pitman~~

Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

“Good cause” does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant’s property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.